

AN INNOCENT PARSON.

HIS ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE A RAM FIGHT IN RING VERNACULAR.

The Bride Ventured a Suggestion Which Caught On—The Preacher Didn't Fully Succeed in Appearing Unapproachable. The Little Ram's Ring Tactics.

A preacher told this story at a wedding supper on the South Side the other evening:

"I was riding along a country road near Bloomington," he said, "when I noticed a group of sheep in a pasture. There was a large open space in the midst of the flock, and at either end of the space stood a ram. In the center, but standing a little at one side, was a third ram. The two rams had evidently had a falling out about something, or else they had come to settle in a friendly contest which was the better ram. Ram No. 8 seemed to be acting as judge, umpire—what do you call it? Referee? Yes, that's it, the third ram was the referee. I don't know under what rules the meeting took place. It may have been Queensberry or Rosebery. You see I am not up to these technical matters."

"When all the preliminaries had been arranged and both contestants had been cautioned, apparently that there was to be no 'fooling'—I think I have seen that word in the newspapers occasionally, and therefore I suppose it is a correct word to use in this connection—each backed off to the farthest limits of the circle, which, by the way, was not a squared circle. The referee stepped out of the way, and the rams dashed toward each other. When their heads came together, there was a terrific crash, and the force of the concussion threw them as far apart as the length of this table."

All the guests looked the full length of the table from the pastor flowers at one end to the bride's cake in the far perspective, and then at the preacher in the middle distance, but nobody said anything.

"Then," continued the preacher, "they took their places, apparently none the worse for the encounter. Again, evidently at a preconcerted signal from the referee, they dashed together. This time the shock was even more terrific than the first, and I noticed that as one of them went back to his—ah, what do they call it, corner?—he was a little unsteady on his legs."

"Groggily!" ventured the bride.

"I believe that is the technical term," replied the preacher, "although, as I have intimated, I am not at all familiar with sporting phraseology. When time was called for the third round—ahem—that is, I mean to say when the rams had recovered strength for a third collision—there was another rush, a crash, and one of the rams, the one you so aptly described as 'groggily' (with an acknowledgment to the bride) fell to his knees. His adversary did not seem inclined to follow up his advantage, but possibly he may have been restrained by the rules of the meeting. At any rate, after contemplating his fallen foe gravely for a moment he walked back to his place. The other ram, after resting briefly, struggled to his feet. The third ram—the one I have called the referee—looked at him rather inquiringly, as it seemed to me, but the warrior showed no sign of recognition. He ambled to his side of the ring and faced about. A murmur of some sort seemed to go through the flock. The odds were apparently 3 to 1 in favor of the other ram—that is to say, it seemed to be the general opinion that the ram with the weak knees had been outclassed, as the other one was decidedly the heavier of the two."

"However, the smaller ram seemed to have wonderful recuperative powers. When the proper interval had elapsed, he came up smiling, as it were. I even thought I could see a twinkle in his eye, for I was quite close to the fence, and this thing took place only a little distance away. As the referee stepped back from the center of the ring, where he kept his position between the meetings, the other two rams drove at each other pell-mell. At the very instant when their hard horns would have met, however, the smaller ram suddenly changed his course to the right, and the other went through the ranks like a catapult."

"Just as he turned about, evidently boiling over with indignation at the trick which had been played on him, the other one, with the added force given by a longer run from one side of the circle to a point several feet outside of it, where the larger ram's momentum had carried him, shot at him like a cannon ball, striking him full in the face and driving him several feet away, where he lay limp and helpless. The third ram, who was promptly on the spot, as I suppose every competent referee should be, nodded his head several times—indeed it looked to me as if he was counting—and then the fallen ram failing to rise the whole flock marched away toward a knoll in another part of the meadow with the victorious ram at the head. Presently the defeated ram got on his feet and made his way to a secluded spot down by a little run, where I saw him reclining in the shade of a large willow tree as I rode away."

"What an interesting study natural history is," said the bride's grandmother as she adjusted her glasses.

"It is indeed," said the groom's father, coughing behind his napkin.—Chicago Tribune.

An Irish Student's Reply. An Irish student, who some years ago attended the university of Edinburgh, called upon one of the most celebrated teachers of the German flute, desiring to know on what terms he would give him a few lessons. The flute player informed him that he generally charged 2 guineas for the first month and 1 guinea for the second. "Then, by my son!" replied the cunning Hibernian, "I'll come in the second month."

Gold Nuggets.

The structure of gold nuggets was the subject of a paper recently read before the New South Wales Royal Society by Professor Liverbridge. Among other facts stated was the peculiarity of such nuggets, on being cut through or sliced and polished, and then etched by chlorine water, of exhibiting a well marked crystalline structure closely resembling the figures shown by most metallic meteorites. On heating such nuggets in a Bunsen burner blebs or blisters form on both the polished and unpolished surfaces, and on still more strongly heating these in some cases burst with sharp reports, and pieces of gold are projected with considerable violence. As no explosions have been observed on dissolving or etching away the crusts of these blisters by chlorine water it is thought that the blisters may probably be due to the evaporation of some liquid or solid substance. Further, in etching some nuggets, scattered granules of quartz were met with inside, although quite invisible outside. At first it was supposed that such explosions might be due to the quartz, but the gas in some instances continued to issue from the burst bleb—where the aperture formed was small—and forced the Bunsen flame out into lateral, just as if urged by a blowpipe.

The Samoan Mascot.

In time of war it is the tapo's duty to lead on to combat the warriors of her village, and she is often in the thick of the skirmishing, but should she be wounded or killed it is a pure accident, as the Samoans have the greatest horror of hurting a woman in any way, and would not even injure their enemy's tapo. There is a story told of how, during the war which was carried on in Upolu for a considerable time, five or six years ago, two armies had met and were drawn up, blazing into each other's lines, when a native woman appeared with a cow she wished to place in safety. The entire firing was immediately suspended on both sides till she and her charge had crossed the lines and were completely out of harm's way. The women could rely so thoroughly on the gallantry of their countrymen that they had no fear during the fighting, and would take food to their husbands and brothers at any time, and pass through the ranks of the warriors of the belligerent army with perfect impunity; as long as the daylight lasted and they could be easily seen they were quite safe.—In Stevenson's Samoa, Marie Fraser.

Engraving on Glass. A most ingeniously contrived machine for engraving on glass, insuring the rapid and economic production of decorative work in that line, as also in metal manufactures of every variety, is described in The English Mechanic. Among the merits claimed for this device is the fact of there being no limit to the number of objects that may be operated upon simultaneously, with a perfect uniformity of workmanship, and further, the facility with which this machine, being of 12 multiplying power, can be operated upon and replaced with fresh objects, is another important characteristic, and three different patterns may be produced in one hour on a single machine. The construction of this apparatus fulfills the desideratum of great simplicity, it would appear; that is, the globes, or whatever is to be engraved, are fixed on platforms in two upright cylindrical forms, these platforms being raised or lowered as desired by means of a handle, and the engraving needles are applied or let off by a touch of the treadle—the pattern to be followed resting on a board at the back.

Where Franklin Flew His Kite.

Colonel Enoch Taylor of this city, speaking of the researches of the savants into the vagaries of lightning, remarked that probably there were few people who ever gave a thought when they crossed Spring Garden street in the vicinity of Thirteenth street that they were walking over the spot where Benjamin Franklin flew his kite. Yet such is the fact. A diagonal line from the southeast corner of what is now known as Thirteenth street to Spring Garden will about cover the space in which "Poor Richard" drew lightning from the clouds. It was a bare field then, with a few farms and country houses scattered around. Bostonians fondly imagine that it was on Boston Common Franklin conducted his experiments. That's a mistake. It was in the Quaker City and on the spot referred to.—Philadelphia Times.

Maud.

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Anything to Please.

Mudge—See here, what did you mean by saying I wasn't half witted? Yabsley—What shall I say? That you are half witted.—Indianapolis Journal.

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The Nerve Barber.

I struck a nerve barber down in southern California once. You know they have earthquakes down there so often that they don't mind a terrestrial shake up any more than we do a thunderstorm. But for strangers the sensation of having the earth do a sand jig under you is far from pleasant. It makes you lose confidence in the stability of things.

I was sitting in a barber's chair one day when the windows began to rattle and the floor to heave like the deck of a ship. The barber was a dago of some kind, but he had nerve. I started to jump and run, but he held my head down firmly and said:

"See pairfectly still, senior, or I might have ze micesfortune to cut you."

And, ding me, if he didn't keep right along shaving, with the shanty rocking like a cradle, and he never even scratched me. But it scared me so my beard hasn't grown well since.—Washington Post.

Sunshine and Disease.

It is rather surprising to be told that sunshine is not always a promoter of health, and that London fog may be a blessing in disguise. In experiments by Dr. Ronal guinea pigs inoculated with tuberculosis died after 24 to 89 days when kept in glass boxes in the sunshine, but survived only 20 to 41 days in opaque wooden boxes. This makes it evident that sunshine is a material aid in combating consumption. In a later investigation by Dr. Masella, however, guinea pigs were inoculated with cholera and typhoid bacilli respectively, when it was found that previous exposure to sunshine increased the susceptibility to both diseases, while exposure to sunshine after infection so accelerated the progress of the malady that death occurred in 3 to 5 hours instead of 15 to 24 hours. That this was not due to increase of temperature was proved by cooling the boxes in sunshine by a circulation of water.—London Letter.

Outdoor Work Preferred.

Some years ago a young Irishman was hunting for work among the farmers of a western town at harvest time.

He made his application to a benevolent looking farmer, who was attracted by the young man's frank, merry face, but was not really in need of extra help.

"Can you cradle?" he asked, after a moment's hesitation. "Cradle, is it?" repeated the young Irishman in bewilderment. "That Ol can, sorr, bein the oldest av 11 children, but," he added persuasively, "couldn't yer give me a job out av durs, sorr?"—Youth's Companion.

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A Sure Sign.

Her Brother—Awfully bad news, sister. The Sister—What? Her Brother—That count of yours is a bogus one. The Sister—How did you find that out? Her Brother—I was telling him today how hard up I was, and he actually offered to lend me \$100.—Syracuse Post.

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WESTWARD

7:25 a. m.—Train 11, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clearmont and intermediate stations. Leaves Ridgway at 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

(Daily except Sunday.)

TRAIN 10 leaves Ridgway at 9:30 a. m.; Johnsonburg at 10:45 a. m., arriving at Clearmont at 10:40 a. m.

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WESTWARD.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 2, No. 3, No. 10, 106, 110. Rows include Driftwood, Grant, Reynolds, Glen Fisher, Penfield, Winterburn, Sabula, Falls Creek, Pancoast, Reynoldsville, Bell, Brookville, Summerville, Mayville, Oak Ridge, New Bethlehem, Lawersham, Red Bank.

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